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INTENT TO OFFER A FULL TIME KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Attention:

This form provides the Office of Public Instruction with the necessary information to approve a one-time only payment for start up costs associated with development of a full time kindergarten program.

District Name	District Number
Check One District Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> K-12	Legal Entity Number
County Name	

CERTIFICATION, BOARD OF TRUSTEES - I hereby certify that the data included with this application are complete to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name, Board of Trustees Chairperson	Signature	Date
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- ☐ This district intends to offer a full-time kindergarten program by July 1, 2012 and is therefore requesting payment of full-time kindergarten start up costs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Senate Bill 2, passed during the 2007 Special Session, provides a one-time-only payment for start-up costs to school districts that offer a full-time kindergarten program prior to July 1, 2012. Funding will be distributed based on the district's kindergarten enrollment reported in FY2006-07.

MCA 20-1-301 requires a minimum of 360 aggregate hours of pupil instruction for a half-time program and a minimum of 720 aggregate hours of pupil instruction for a full-time program as defined in MCA 20-7-117, which states, "A kindergarten program that is designated as a full-time program must allow a parent, guardian, or other person who is responsible for the enrollment of a child in school, as provided in 20-5-102, to enroll the child half time."

WHO MUST RESPOND

A public elementary or K-12 district which plans to offer full-time kindergarten after FY2007-08 and prior to July 1, 2012 should submit this form to OPI to receive the one-time-only payment for start-up costs.

Note: Districts that have submitted form PAA-3 to request additional funding for offering a full-time kindergarten program in FY2007-08 should not submit this form to OPI.

ASSISTANCE

Questions about this form may be directed to Kathleen Wanner at 444-9852 or kwanner@mt.gov.

DEFINITIONS

"Aggregate hours" means the hours of pupil instruction for which a school course or program is offered or for which a pupil is enrolled. (20-1-101, MCA)

"Minimum aggregate hours" means the minimum hours of pupil instruction that must be conducted during the school fiscal year in accordance with [20-1-301](#) and includes passing time between classes. The term does not include lunch time and periods of unstructured recess. (20-1-101, MCA)